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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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2	comprising:
3	receiving a file by the application from a user system, wherein the file contains
4	standardized interface data;
5	providing the file to the service;
6	generating a return file by the service, wherein the return file contains standardized
7	interface data;
8	providing the return file to the application; and
9	providing the return file to the user system.
1	2. The method of establishing an interface between a service and an application
2	of claim 1 wherein the return file is presented as a browser interface.
1	3. The method of establishing an interface between a service and an application
2	of claim 1 further comprising:
3	generating a dynamic user interface specification by the service;

A method of establishing an interface between a service and an application

The method of establishing an interface between a service and an application of claim 3 wherein the return file is presented as a browser interface.

providing the dynamic user interface specification to application; generating a user interface response by the application; and providing the user interface response to the service.

- The method of establishing an interface between a service and an application of claim 3 wherein the user system determines content of the user interface response.
- The method of establishing an interface between a service and an application of claim 5 wherein the return file is presented as a browser interface.
- The method of establishing an interface between a service and application of claim 3 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.

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- The method of establishing an interface between a service and application of claim 4 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.
- The method of establishing an interface between a service and application of claim 5 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.
  - 10. The method of establishing an interface between a service and application of claim 6 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.
    - A system for establishing an interface comprising of: a user system;
    - an application that receives a file the user system, wherein the file contains standardized interface data; and
    - a service that receives the file and generates a return file containing standardized interface data, sending the return file to the application and the user system.
  - The system for establishing an interface of claim 11 wherein the return file is presented as a browser interface.
    - 13. The system for establishing an interface of claim 11 further comprised of: a dynamic user interface specification generated by the service, wherein the dynamic user interface specification is provided to the application; and a user interface response generated by the application; wherein the user interface response is provided to the service.
- 14. The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 13 wherein the return file is presented as a browser interface.
- 1 15. The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 13 wherein the user 2 system determines content of the user interface response.

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- 1 16. The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 15 wherein the 2 return file is presented as a browser interface.
  - 17. The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 13 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.
- 1 18. The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 14 wherein the user 2 interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.
  - The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 15 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.
    - 20. The system for establishing an interface of claim of claim 16 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.
      - 21. A computer system comprising:

a processor;

3 a computer;

computer readable medium coupled to the processor; and

computer code encoded in the computer readable medium, configured to cause the processor  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

to:

receive a file by the application from a user system, wherein the file contains

standardized interface data;

provide the file to the service;

generate a return file by the service, wherein the return file contains standardized

interface data;
provide the return file to the application; and

provide the return file to the user system.

22. The computer system of claim 21 wherein the return file is presented as a browser interface

- The computer system of claim 21 wherein the processor further: 1 23. 2 generates a dynamic user interface specification by the service; provides the dynamic user interface specification to application; 3 generates a user interface response by the application; and 4 provides the user interface response to the service. 5
- The computer system of claim 20 wherein the configuration file is written in 1 24. 2 an extensible markup language.
- The computer system of claim 23 wherein the user system determines content 1 2.5. 2 of the user interface response.
  - 26 The computer system of 25 wherein the return file is presented as a browser interface.
  - The computer system of claim 23 wherein the user interface specification and 27. user interface response are written in a markup language.
  - 28 The computer system of claim 24 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.
  - The computer system of claim 25 wherein the user interface specification and 29 user interface response are written in a markup language.
  - The computer system of claim 26 wherein the user interface 1 30 specification and user interface response are written in a markup language. 2
  - 1 31 An apparatus for establishing an interface comprising:
  - means for receiving a file by the application from a user system, wherein the file contains standardized interface data; 3
  - means for providing the file to the service; 4
  - means for generating a return file by the service, wherein the return file 5
  - 6 contains standardized interface data;

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- 7 means for providing the return file to the application; and 8 means for providing the return file to the user system.
- The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the return file is presented as a browser 32 1 2 interface.
- 1 33. The apparatus of claim 31 further comprising: means for generating a dynamic user interface specification by the service; 2 means for providing the dynamic user interface specification to application; 3 means for generating a user interface response by the application; and 4 means for providing the user interface response to the service. 5
  - The apparatus of claim 33 wherein the return file is presented as a browser 34. interface.
  - The apparatus of claim 33 wherein the user system determines content of the 35. user interface response.
  - 36 The apparatus of claim 35 wherein the return file is presented as a browser interface.
  - The apparatus of claim 33 wherein the user interface specification and user 37. interface response are written in a markup language.
  - The apparatus of claim 34 wherein the user interface specification and user 38. interface response are written in a markup language.
- The apparatus of claim 35 wherein the user interface specification and user 2 interface response are written in a markup language.
- The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the user interface specification and user 1 40 interface response are written in a markup language. 2

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1	41. A computer program product encoded in computer readable media, the
2	computer program product comprising:
3	a first set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to receive a
4	file by the application from a user system, wherein the file contains
5	standardized interface data;
6	a second set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to provide
7	the file to the service;
8	a third set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to generate a
9	return file by the service, wherein the return file contains standardized
10	interface data;
11	a fourth set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to provide
12	the return file to the application; and
13	a fifth set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to provide the
14	return file to the user system.
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1	42. The computer program product of claim 41 wherein the return file is presented
2	as a browser interface.
2	43. The computer program product of claim 41 further comprising:
2	a fifth set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to generate a
3	dynamic user interface specification by the service;
4	a sixth set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configure to provide the
5	dynamic user interface specification to application;
6	a covereth set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configure to generate a

- 44. The computer program product of claim 40 wherein the configuration file is written in an extensible markup language.
- 45. The computer program product of claim 43 wherein the user system determines content of the user interface response.

user interface response by the application; and

the user interface response to the service.

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an eighth set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configure to provide

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- 1 46. The computer program product of claim 45 wherein the return file is presented 2 as a browser interface.
  - The computer program product of claim 43 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.
- 1 48. The computer program product of claim 44 wherein the user interface 2 specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.
  - 49. The computer program product of claim 45 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.
    - The computer program product of claim 46 wherein the user interface specification and user interface response are written in a markup language.